

REMARKS

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 10 January 2007. Claims 1-13 are pending in this application; claims 1-8 have been withdrawn from consideration.

The Examiner requires election of one of the following Groups:

Group I – Claims 1-8.

Group II – Claims 9-13.

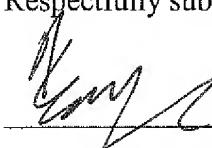
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group II consisting of claims 9-13.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee determined to be due in connection with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0869 (NMTI 1002-26).

Respectfully submitted,

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